

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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LAW TO PREVENT CRIMINALS FROM DECISION MAKING BODIES
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Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal or move to suitably amend election laws to public bodies to prevent criminals and other such persons from entering decision making bodies; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE & COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) : There is no indication as to the public bodies about which the information has been sought. There are election laws governing the elections to Parliament and State Legislatures, which have been framed by Parliament. There are laws governing elections to the local bodies like the Panchayati Raj institutions, urban local bodies, etc. which are framed by the concerned State Governments. Again, there are institutions like the marketing federations, cooperative societies, sports bodies, etc., which may be considered public bodies. These institutions also hold elections to their decision-making bodies through their own election laws.

(b) : Does not arise.